

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

ANTIONETTE SLAUGHTER,

Plaintiff,

v.

VALLEY VIEW ILP ET AL.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:25-cv-00543-JHC

ORDER

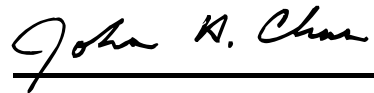
Before the Court is Plaintiff's Application for Court-Appointed Counsel. Dkt. # 7. Because Plaintiff has not shown that exceptional circumstances warrant appointment of counsel in this civil case, the Court DENIES the application.

There is no right to counsel in civil actions. *See Campbell v. Burt*, 141 F.3d 927, 931 (9th Cir. 1998). A court may appoint counsel for indigent civil litigants under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1), but only if there are "exceptional circumstances." *Agyeman v. Corrections Corp. of Am.*, 390 F.3d 1101, 1103 (9th Cir. 2004). To determine if "exceptional circumstances" exist, the Court considers "the likelihood of success on the merits as well as the ability of the [plaintiff] to articulate [their] claims *pro se* in light of the complexity of the legal issues involved." *Weygandt v. Look*, 718 F.2d 952, 954 (9th Cir. 1983) (per curiam). Plaintiff has not shown that

1 extraordinary circumstances warrant appointment of counsel: Plaintiff neither addresses the
2 ability to articulate claims pro se in light of the issues involved nor the likelihood of the claims'
3 success. On this note, the form application for court-appointed counsel states, "If there has been
4 no such finding in your favor by a government agency, you may attach a brief statement showing
5 why your claim has merit." Dkt. # 7 at 2. Plaintiff did not attach such a statement.

6 Thus, the Court DENIES the application.

7 Dated this 18th day of April, 2025.

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11 United States District Judge
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